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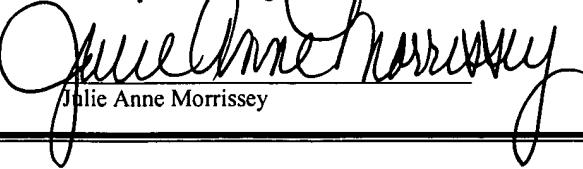
**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
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Docket No. A0420/7017P1

Applicant: John C. Pulford and Marco Pelosi
Serial No: 10/828,538
Filed: April 20, 2004
For: ABDOMINAL RETRCTOR
Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
Art Unit: 3732

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- Preliminary Amendment
- Petition for a month Extension of Time
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Small Entity

- Applicant/assignee claims small entity status.
- Small entity status is no longer claimed.

Fees

Claims as Filed					
	Claims Filed	Highest Number Paid for	Number of Extra Claims	Rate	Additional Fees Due
Total Claims (37 CFR §1.16(c))	29	- 20 =	9 X	\$18.00 =	\$ 162.00
Independent Claims (37 CFR §1.16(b))	3	- 3 =	0 X	\$86.00 =	\$ 0.00
Extension Fee					\$ 0.00
Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity					\$ 81.00
Total Filing Fee					<u>\$ 81.00</u>

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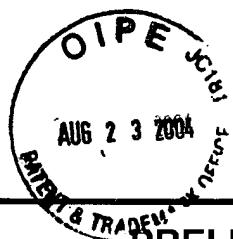
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Before conducting examination of the above-identified application, please enter the following amendments:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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